



May 2003

# South Bay Champions

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## Calendar

### June

- 1 Play Day  
Palo Alto
- 7 Best Friends 5K Walk/Run  
Baylands, Palo Alto
- 14 Gov. Research Project  
(includes wheelchair users)  
San Lorenzo River Trail  
Santa Cruz
- 21 NW's Summer Fest  
Schulz Campus
- 22 Scrapbooking  
Scrapbook Mania
- 28 Mutt Strutt  
Cal State Hayward

### July

- 19 Pooch Pow Wow &  
Canine Convention  
Niles Community Park

### August

- 3 Faith's Pool Party  
Santa Clara
- 16 NW Graduation  
Sonoma Country Day  
School 1 pm

Free Dog Bathing for Graduates  
Petco/El Paseo de Saratoga

Free Classes for Puppy Raisers  
Every Thursday\*  
Hope Rehabilitation Center  
Santa Clara 6:30 pm

## Abbreviations Used in Newsletter

SBC	So. Bay Chapter
PR	Puppy Raiser
BC	Breeder Caretaker
SD	Service Dog
SC	Skilled Companion
NWR	Northwest Region
SWR	Southwest Region
NER	Northeast Region
NCR	No. Central Region
SER	Southeast Region

## More South Bay Graduates

The May Graduation was a bouquet of warm fuzzy feelings for many in the South Bay and East Bay and or some it was mixed with feelings of sadness also. Thirty-eight puppies matriculated to Advanced Training and four were from our area. Wendi and her mom, Sue H. turned in *Horace* AKA *Ace*; Briana and her mom Lucy B. turned in *Zardis* AKA *Zari*; Cheri, Rudy and Allison V. turned in *Jagger* and brothers, Jeremy and Derek C. turned in *Cora*. Jeremy & Derek were the PRs of Facility Dog *Montana* who works on the Peninsula now with Marty Jo M. *Ace* is Breeder *Kauai's* grandpup and *Jagger* and *Jagger's* littermate *Jakar* are Breeder *Faith's* pups. One of Breeder *Tara's* pup, *Nyes* was also turned in.

There are *thirteen* new NW Assistance Dog teams and *seven* are in the So. Bay or East Bay. Two of four Facility Teams are in our area. Keiko A. is a recreational therapist from the East Bay and graduated with Facility Dog *Leo III* who is one of Breeder *Elodie's* pups. Keiko will be using *Leo* at Young Life in S.F., a nondenominational Christian ministry that reaches out to adolescents including disabled youth. Gail G. is a Special Ed teacher in San Mateo County and learned about CCI through one of her students who has a Skilled Companion. My guess is that was Jonathan & *Lloyd*. Gail graduated with *Hesta* and will be using her with visually impaired students in one school and at various other schools with children with other disabilities. One of the other Facility Dogs, *Mixsy* is *Elektra's* pup. *Mixsy* was placed with a Special Ed teacher in the Sacramento area who works with emotionally disturbed students. *Mixsy* is the third of *Elektra's* pups to graduate as a Facility Dog for an agency serving disabled children. The fourth Facility Dog is also in the Sacramento area and will be working with a nurse who works with medically frail children in a pediatric facility and will also be doing hospice visits in a volunteer capacity.

Six are Service Teams and three are in Alameda County. Curtis A. received successor Service Dog *Gideon II* who was raised by So. Bay PR, Cecil D. Curtis is a design engineer but his passion is music. One of his requirements for a SD was that it must like music because he will be going to a lot of concerts. *Gideon* is following in the paw prints of *Bosse*, his previous Service Dog. Sue H. graduated with successor Service Dog *Helga* (*Hesta's* sister). Sue is a consultant and does training on disability sensitivity and awareness. Kim B. graduated with Service Dog *Holly IV* and is also an advocate for disabled community.

Three are Skilled Companion Teams and two are in the So. Bay/East Bay. David T. and Teresa, his wife/facilitator graduated with *Lottie* who was raised by East Bay PR, Helen W. Teresa said that already after only two weeks, she has seen improvements in her husband since being matched with *Lottie*. She is the second of Helen's pups to graduate with So. Bay partners. She also raised Service Dog *Neal* who is partnered with Rae Ellen L. East Bay's Benjamin M. and his mom Jean received Skilled Companion *Paul III*.

So. Bay Service Team Teresa Oliver & *Filo* gave the past graduate speech. Teresa shared that her kids love *Filo* because he picks up everything off the floor instead of them. Christine Y. & *Grace* (*Gideon's* sister) spoke on behalf of the Service Dog class and Pamela W. & *Mixsy* spoke on behalf of the Skilled Companion and Facility Teams.

Also introduced were one new Breeder, *Marty III*, one new Instructor Katie Mize and three Instructor Assistants who will be going to the SE Region as Apprentice Instructors. The Calpine Foundation which is located in San Jose presented CCI with a check for \$20,000.

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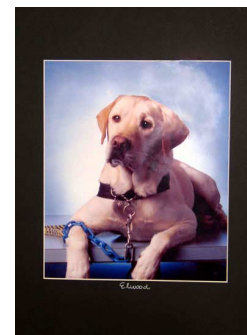
CCI Puppy  
Classes: Vikki Ogden  
or  
Erin Callaghan

Contact in Info line to make appts.  
to dog bathes or to arrange to  
observe the puppy class if applying  
to be a puppy raiser.

## Remembering Elwood



Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Therapy Department had their gathering to honor Facility Dog *Elwood*. Facility Dogs *Izzy*, *Domingos AKA Gus*, *Dustin* and *Nivek* attended. Lynn was given a scrapbook of So. Bay memories of *Elwood*.



Cathy Smiddy & *Gus*

## Incredible Dog Challenge

This has become an annual event for CCI. This year it was held in May instead of August as in previous years. The Service Teams were Carl Z. & *Truman*, Krista F. & *Steeler*, Daniel B. & *Pascal* and Nancy S. & *Union*. Leeann L. & *Jeannie* were also scheduled to participate; however, *Jeannie* strained her back the week of the event and her vet said she should not do the event. Krista and Daniel were first timers and Daniel was a last minute addition. He was river rafting in the Grand Canyon for almost two weeks so I had to wait until his return on May 2 to invite him to participate. The event was May 10.

The *Purina Dog Chow Incredible Dog Challenge* is a "doggy Olympics" of sorts. There are regional competitions and the top three winners in each event compete in the finals in St. Louis, MO later in the year. The events are agility, diving (longest distance from a running start), Frisbee throwing, and Jack Russell races. For the past three years, the Western Region is the only one where there is an Assistance Dog event. It's really more of a demonstration than a competition. Purina and the producers of the event are CCI supporters and they have included CCI in the event and in the TV coverage. This year the film crew visited the Schulz Campus in Santa Rosa and filmed during the May Team Training. The TV program is expected to air in the fall.

During the Assistance Dog event, the Service Dogs had to help make a sales purchase, open a refrigerator and retrieve a bottle of water; turn on a light, retrieve a dropped item and open a door. The event is timed but the real objective is demonstrating the bond between the dog and partner and how Service Dogs can assist their partners.

Daniel and *Pascal* are a relatively new team; they just graduated in February. Daniel said *Pascal* doesn't have to do lights or retrieve items from the refrigerator for him at home but he was encouraged to let *Pascal* try it during the practice run. To Daniel's surprise, he did both tasks. So guess who had the fastest time this year....the rookies, Daniel & *Pascal*. Well, I guess that's why this event is called *The Incredible Dog Challenge*.

# Incredible Dog Challenge



Daniel & Pascal



Carl & Truman



Krista & Steeler



Nancy & Union



Each was interviewed twice



Pascal opening fridge



Truman making purchase



Truman opening door



Union turning light on



Pascal getting medal



*Good Job!*

May NW Graduation



PR Cheri V. & Jagger, BC Joyce F. & Faith,  
PR Mark K. & Jakar



PR Wendi H. & Ace



PRs Briana and Lucy B. & Zari



PRs Jeremy & Derek C.  
with Cora



SD Gideon's extended family  
Curtis' family & Cecil and his wife



Teresa O. & SD Filo



Gail G. receiving Facility Dog Hesta  
from her PRs Marjorie & Dennis M.



In center Pamela W. & Facility Dog  
Mixsy (Elodie's pup)

*May NW Graduation*



PR Helen W. & Lottie



Teresa and David T. & SC Lottie



Helen with new puppy, Wella and the cycle continues



Benjamin and Jean M. & SC Paul III



Facility Team Keiko A. & Leo III



Sue H. & SD Helga



Kim & SD Holly, Christine Y. & SD Grace and Curtis A. & SD Gideon



Kim B. & SD Holly IV

*Congratulations!*

# Breeder Caretaker & Puppy News

So. Bay Breeder Caretakers had reason to be pleased after the May graduations. *Elodie* had two other "L" pups graduate in other parts of the country. *Lorna* is now a Skilled Companion Dog in Pennsylvania and *Luther* is a Service Dog in Illinois. *Terry* is the mom of *Elodie & Elektra* so she had four grandpups graduate plus her pup, *Jorey* graduated as a Skilled Companion in Illinois and she still has other 'J' pups in Advanced Training.



Heather & Marian and Sarah and Shannon P. & *Giacco*

*Giacco's Hobart* graduated as a Skilled Companion in Ohio and her breeder caretakers watched *Heather* graduate in April's Hearing Dog class.

Breeder *Ossa* had her fourth litter on April 25. The dad is *Bobby*. There are seven pups, 2 males and 5 females and 2 yellow and 5 black. These pups will have "T" names.



Puppy Socializing for *Elodie's* puppies is Saturday, May 31 (Milpitas) and for *Kauai's* puppies on Sunday, June 8 (San Jose) anytime between 1 - 4 p.m. Call me for directions and to let me know you are coming.

The official names for the J pups and S pups won't be known until they are turned in. So those of you who suggested names for these pups will have to be patient a few more weeks.

Potential summer litters will be from *Persia, Elektra* and *Giacco*. *Terry* is a grandmom again. *Brina* had her first litter May 8—six "C" pups sired by *Hanford*.



SD *Filo* and Facility Dog *Nivek* had visits with their PRs at graduation. Jeanette K. sent her SD *Serena* with me to graduation so she would get to see her PR who was in town from Oregon to present *Mixsy*. I didn't remember what *Serena's* PR looked like but I was sure *Serena* would help me and she did. I was walking through the lobby and *Serena* came to a dead stop as we passed the front door. She was letting me know we should go outside. I looked around and saw the graduating dogs getting their photos taken with their PRs and one was with a dog that looked like it could be *Mixsy*. I walked over and asked if she was Sarah and she was. *Serena* was beside herself with joy to see her PR. The last time *Serena* saw her was

at her graduation nearly two years ago but these dogs never forget their PRs. *Serena* brought a stuffed toy for *Mixsy* who knew right away it was for her.

A new puppy raiser in Los Altos will be joining the class in July. She was introduced to CCI after meeting PR Bill H. at a park when he was raising *Bernie*. This is a good reminder that pups in training and their PRs are ambassadors for CCI when out in public. I know sometimes it is annoying to answer questions about the puppy when you are in a hurry to do something but you never know when you will be the one to inspire someone else to raise a puppy or to tell a family member or friend who is disabled about CCI.

Melissa L. was telling me she had received a letter from CCI saying a puppy had been named with a name she submitted in honor of a cousin who died last year. The name sounded familiar and eventually it clicked that I knew where this puppy was. The puppy's name is *Page* and it is the littermate of *Paladin* who is in our puppy class. *Page* is in Montana and her PRs are one of our "remote" PRs linked to So. Bay's puppy class via their yahoo group. The PRs and Melissa are now in communication. What a small world!



Page

When you don't have time to stop and talk, give the person a CCI brochure or CCI's or So. Bay's website where they can get more information. I have brochures that fit in your pups pup's pocket

The So. Bay Breeders' photos are on our website's Breeder page now with the exception of two. If your breeder's photo is not there, you need to email one.

Besides *Grace*, three other of *Gideon's* littermates graduated this month. *Given* and *Genoa* graduated as Service Dogs too and *Ganey* graduated as a Skilled Companion to a young boy with a brain injury who also has a brother with autism. These are *Patrice's* grandpups.



Good Stay Puppies!

# South Bay News

Congratulations to Betty (T.) and Jim Q. I discovered they were married last October. She was being low key about it until she mentioned getting a name badge with her new name. The secret's out now.

If you're a Giant's fan, the next time you go to their ballpark, take a look at their paver stones. There is one from the Maranon family including *Quad*, Tony's Service Dog. It's near the "China Basin" sign and the "Giants 1975" commemoration. Their stone has "Giant's 44" at the top and it is close to the edge. (Quad has a brick at CCI too.)

The Summer Play Day is almost here! Details and directions were emailed last week for the June 1 Play Day in Palo Alto. If you don't have email and want to come, give me a call for the directions. This event is for CCI dogs only (including retired and COCs) which is why the location is not being publicized. The hosts are retired Breeder *Terry* and her BC Carol O.

Diane R. was notified recently that she & Facility Dog *Dustin* were nominated for the 2003 Catherine Cirese Volunteer of the Year Award for exemplary volunteerism in the community. She was nominated by several teachers at Chandler Tripp as well as a parent. The winner will be announced at the Parents Helping Parents Inc. Annual Dinner on June 4.

On May 15, Facility Team Betty Q. & *Izzy* attended the check presentation ceremony for the Seventh Grade Philanthropy Project at the Mid-Peninsula Jewish Community Day School. The student who selected CCI as his charity was 13 year old Aaron M. and he raised \$969. Among the other several agencies who benefited from this class's efforts was Furry Friends (pet therapy) and The Pet Network (rescue group). Their representatives brought dogs too but *Izzy* was the only one to accept the check himself.



*Izzy* loves getting checks



Leeann Laraway hosted an open house for her friends to meet *Jeannie*, her third Service Dog. *Jeannie* relished all the attention especially because many brought her presents. Leeann & *Jeannie* were featured in the current Northwest Leash newsletter.

Jewel Peyton is alerting our Santa Cruz graduate teams that the U.S. Federal Highway Administration is conducting a research project locally and needs people with wheelchairs, bicycles, scooters, strollers etc. to use the San Lorenzo River Trail in Santa Cruz on Saturday, June 14 any time between 8:30 - 5:00 and to give feedback about the quality of the trail.

Begin the trail behind the Santa Cruz County Government Center Building at 701 Ocean Street between Water and Soquel Streets. For more information, contact Kathy or Serena at 831-8447.

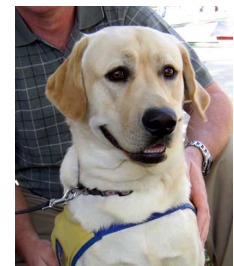
John & Janet D. & *Kalia* did presentations at the Catholic elementary school in Santa Cruz. CCI is becoming more visible in this area now and interest in CCI is growing

## Fun Fest

Jeanne and Ross J. and puppy *Avi* joined Jon Giacomazzi's Service Dog *Rio* and I at the Fun Fest in Gilroy on May 24. This is a social and informational event for developmentally disabled adults and children in Gilroy. We may have recruited two future Skilled Companion and Hearing Dog applicants.



This officer learned about CCI by watching *Avi* & *Rio*.



*Avi* is another *Patrice* grandpup and is a potential breeder.

More SBC News

Summer Events

Best Friends 5K Run/Walk on June 7. So. Bay won't have a booth at this Palo Alto event this year; however, this is a fun event to do with your dog. Over 500 dog lovers participate in this event so it's a great place to recruit puppy raisers and educate the public about CCI. More info is on our website.

For East Bay people, there is the Mutt Strutt on June 28 at Cal State Hayward. So. Bay will have a booth there and have been invited to do a presentation. Volunteers are needed for this event to staff the booth and do the presentation.

The NW Summer Fest on June 21 is both a fun and educational event. Puppy Raisers and graduate teams are encouraged to come but it is also to give donors a close up and personal look at CCI. There are various activities and a barbecue.

We still need CCI volunteers for the Niles (Fremont) Pooch Pow Wow and Canine Convention on July 19. This is a smaller version of San Jose's Bark in the Park. Dog related services and products are displayed here as well as various contests and activities for dogs to participate in.

Faith's Pool Party for working dogs and breeders is August 3 so be sure to save this date. Details will be emailed in July. If you need them mailed to you, let me know.



If any one is looking for a photographer to take a special photo of your dog, Noel and Betty L. suggest Creative Digital Pet Photography. They're located in So. San Jose but will take photos at your home or other location. There's no "package" purchase requirement. A large portrait of Marsden in his CCI puppy vest is now hanging in their studio. See [cdpetphotography.com](http://cdpetphotography.com) for more information or call 408 997-9697.



For the benefit of our new graduate teams, there is a very large group of CCI people in the So. Bay. We provide free bathing services for working dogs in the San Jose area, provide dog sitting services with CCI volunteers and assist with transporting dogs to and from CCI. Just contact the Info line at 408 257-6860. In case you're wondering why no last names are used in this newsletter, it's to protect people's privacy. We discovered that putting this newsletter online makes all the information available to anyone and personal information can be found via a web search.



This recipe was shared on the cci-people list by Don Simpson who raised one of Faith's pups, Tipper.

Homemade Liver Treats

1 pound liver, pureed in blender; add 2 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 cup wheat germ, 1/2 cup molasses, 2 eggs, and garlic to taste

Mix and spread on greased cookie sheet. Bake for 1/2 hour at 300 Fahrenheit. Cool and cut into small pieces. Will keep for one week in the refrigerator or can be frozen. (Throw a little cinnamon in oven during baking to reduce the liver stink).

New Presentations

The summer is starting to get booked. Jose N. & Kyak are doing a 3rd grade class presentation at Saratoga School on June 3; Betty & Izzy have a string of Small World K-5 day camp presentations to do; tentatively Teresa O. & Filo and Jeanette K. & Serena are scheduled to do a presentation to a support group for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on July 13; Melissa L. & Winger and I will be doing a presentation to the Board of the Calpine Foundation on July 24; Diane R. & Dustin will be doing a presentation at a summer camp for children with Muscular Dystrophy in August and Betty & Izzy will do one for the Santa Clara County Retired Employees Association on September 23.

I'm still looking for some San Mateo County CCI people to do a presentation for the Peninsula Humane Society on September 18. This is in the evening and is for an community education program.



Keep your dog away from Foxtails. These treacherous weeds invade ears, noses and eyes and can penetrate the skin and travel through the body causing serious infections.



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Hopefully, you won't ever need this information, but the fact is that Labs and Goldens are breeds that are prone to certain cancers. The following website is a comprehensive list of online resources relating to understanding canine cancers and the various available treatment options.

[www.smilingblueskies.com/resources\\_web.html](http://www.smilingblueskies.com/resources_web.html)



## Close Up and Personal

*To most of you, CCI is the place we look to for guidance but most of you don't know the people who make the important decisions about the dogs we raise or receive. The following is an abstract from an interview with a Program staff member done by Chris Aceituno, editor of the Gold Rush Chapter's newsletter. Permission was given for it to be shared with other chapters.*

Ken Kirsch is one of the newest staff members at the NW center. He officially began work with CCI in January 2003 as the NW Program Manager. Ken comes to CCI amidst a lifetime training various breeds of dogs for different "working" activities. As a teenager, Ken trained hunting dogs. In the military, Ken trained dogs for explosive detection. He continued working with dogs in security and law enforcement, including security dogs for the Secret Service through three presidential administrations and at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He then found a niche in the service dog industry about 12 years ago. Ken worked for PAWS in a variety of capacities. He matriculated from instructor to director of training and director of client services. Ken left PAWS to change careers, but continued to gravitate back to organizations that produce service dogs.

In his new role, Ken oversees the instructors at the NW center focusing on training techniques and procedures. He supervises and evaluates team training, the temperament testing of the ADITs (Assistance Dogs In Training), and development of the instructors from the apprentice level to full journey-level instructors. Ken also is involved in decisions about an ADIT's release and the category of work that an ADIT will be slated for.

Because of his vast experience training working dogs of various sorts, Ken is able to support the instructors and ADITs by offering a fresh insight into a pup's problems. This, in turn, may enable the instructor to work through and resolve the problem with the pup which could allow the pup to remain in advanced training instead of being released. In helping to identify and resolve an ADIT's issues, Ken often takes a hands-on approach by working the dog himself and observing the behavior. He also works interactively with the instructor. Ken believes that not every instructor is perfectly effective with every dog. He says sometimes it's just a matter of chemistry by pairing the right dog with the right instructor.

When Ken encounters a problem or difficult command with a pup, he first looks to the PR's monthly progress reports to see what the PR observed during first phase of the ADIT's training. Ken finds that most times, a temperament issue or behavior that arises during advanced training was also observed in the PR's home. He tries to understand similarities between the situation in the PR home and that in the kennel and to understand how the PR might have handled the issue. With as much information as possible, Ken and the instructors then attempt to "set up" the ADIT to trigger the issue or problem behavior. By doing so, they can attempt to work through the issue in a controlled manner using positive reinforcement. This allows the pup the greatest benefit of doubt and the opportunity to excel despite her/his issues. Ken, like other instructors we've talked to, finds the PRs monthly progress incredibly useful and encourages PRs to be objective and factual in their reports—and not to worry unnecessarily that they are going to unfairly disadvantage their pup.

Ken advises the instructors and the PRs not to take too much responsibility for a pup's release. He believes that even a 20 - 30% rate of graduation in the service dog field is high. As we all know from experience, despite the best efforts at breeding, whelping, early socialization and training, most dogs cannot meet the rigorous standards required of a dependable service dog. It's important to remember that a dog who cannot execute a command completely and reliably every time may jeopardize the safety of their human partner. Ken's goals as a new Program Manager are simply to teach "young" instructors to become "old" instructors. To help them succeed technically and find a career path that is fulfilling and to teach them not to take the dog's success or failure too personally.

When asked about temperament training, Ken responded that after about six weeks in advanced training, the dogs are faced with startling, sudden, or loud motions and/or noises. Much like the GRC pups exercises in our own training classes, the instructors suddenly open an umbrella behind the dog, fire a starter gun, or suddenly drop objects near the dog. Ken does not consider it a bad sign if the dog startles or jumps. Ken is looking at a more important indicator of temperament, the dog's ability to recover and the time it takes the dog to recover. Along these lines, Ken strongly encourages PRs to expose their ADITs to a wide variety of age-appropriate sights, sounds and sensations. The PRs also want to note the pup's "recovery time." PRs are encouraged to talk to local trainers about appropriate experiences for the pup depending on its age and how to respond when a pup becomes unusually agitated and has difficulty regaining confidence.

Oh, and, yes, Ken has walked in the PR shoes. He raised three pups, all black labs, for PAWS with an astounding 100% success rate! And, Ken has dogs, 85 to be exact, who live at the CCI kennels. For that reason, his home is currently a dog-free zone.